## **REMARKS**

Applicants have canceled claims 1-26 and hereby pursue claims 27-40 in the present application, which is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/779,928 filed on February 8, 2001. No new matter has been introduced by the claim amendment. The Examiner can reach the undersigned at (202) 220-4215 when this application is taken up for further action.

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